

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Notice of Public Hearing and Issuance of an Order
Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2008-0062

For

Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements
Order No. R1-2002-0003 (NPDES No. CA0006700)

In the Matter Of
Redwoods Community College District
College of the Redwoods
Wastewater Treatment Facility
WDID No. 1B80121OHUM

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), Assistant Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2008-0021 to the Redwoods Community College District, College of the Redwoods (hereinafter Discharger), on February 8, 2008. The Complaint assessed administrative civil liabilities in the amount of \$72,000 for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2002-0003 during the period from January 1, 2000 through November 30, 2007. The Complaint includes mandatory minimum penalties in the amount of \$72,000 for violations of effluent limits, and for failure to timely submit one discharge monitoring report.

On March 7, 2008, the Discharger submitted a waiver of its right to a public hearing, paid \$10,000 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, and proposed to undertake a Compliance Project (CP) with a minimum total value of \$62,000 in lieu of paying the full amount of the penalty. The proposed CP will undertake corrective work on the sewer system to reduce excess inflow and infiltration. The tasks to be completed include repairs of 1) three manholes, 2) 833 lineal feet of sewer lining, and 3) spot repair on five severe root intrusion areas. The CP will minimize extraneous flow to the collection system.

Public Hearing Procedures

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on this matter on July 23 and 24, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., or as announced in the Regional Water Board's summary agenda to be mailed on or about July 3, 2008. The meeting is scheduled to be held in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room at 5550 Skylane Blvd. Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Civil Liability, or take other enforcement action.

By 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2008, the Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material that

they would like the Regional Water Board to consider on this issue. This written material will be made available to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2008. The statements should provide the name of the witness, their qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of their intended testimony. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late-accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than ten minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes each for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Document Review

The Order is available for review on the Regional Water Board web site at http://water100.waterboards.ca.gov/rb1/adopted_orders/. That document as well as the other evidentiary documents and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended for file review. Appointments may be made by calling (707) 576-2220. For further information, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Tom Dunbar at (707) 576-2701 or at tdunbar@waterboards.ca.gov.

Catherine Kuhlman,
Executive Officer

May 12, 2008